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Proposed Bill No. 6599

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Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:

REP. JOHNSON, 49th Dist.

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AN ACT CONCERNING ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER PROGRAMS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That chapter 164 of the general statutes be amended to (1) eliminate
- 2 the twenty-student minimum for school districts to qualify for state
- 3 bilingual education funding, (2) require the Department of Education
- 4 to study the feasibility of having regional educational service centers
- 5 provide bilingual education services for school districts with a low
- 6 enrollment of English language learner students, (3) increase the
- 7 maximum number of months for bilingual instruction to sixty months,
- 8 (4) eliminate the one-year delay in bilingual education funding to
- 9 school districts, (5) include the mastery examination results of English
- 10 language learner students as part of the school performance index and
- 11 teacher performance evaluations only after such students has
- 12 completed twenty consecutive months of bilingual education or
- 13 English as a second language instruction in Connecticut, and (6) fund
- 14 bilingual education programs at the level in which the educational

- 15 achievement of English language learner students matches that of non-
16 English language learner students.

Statement of Purpose:

To improve the quality and standards of English language learner programs in the state.